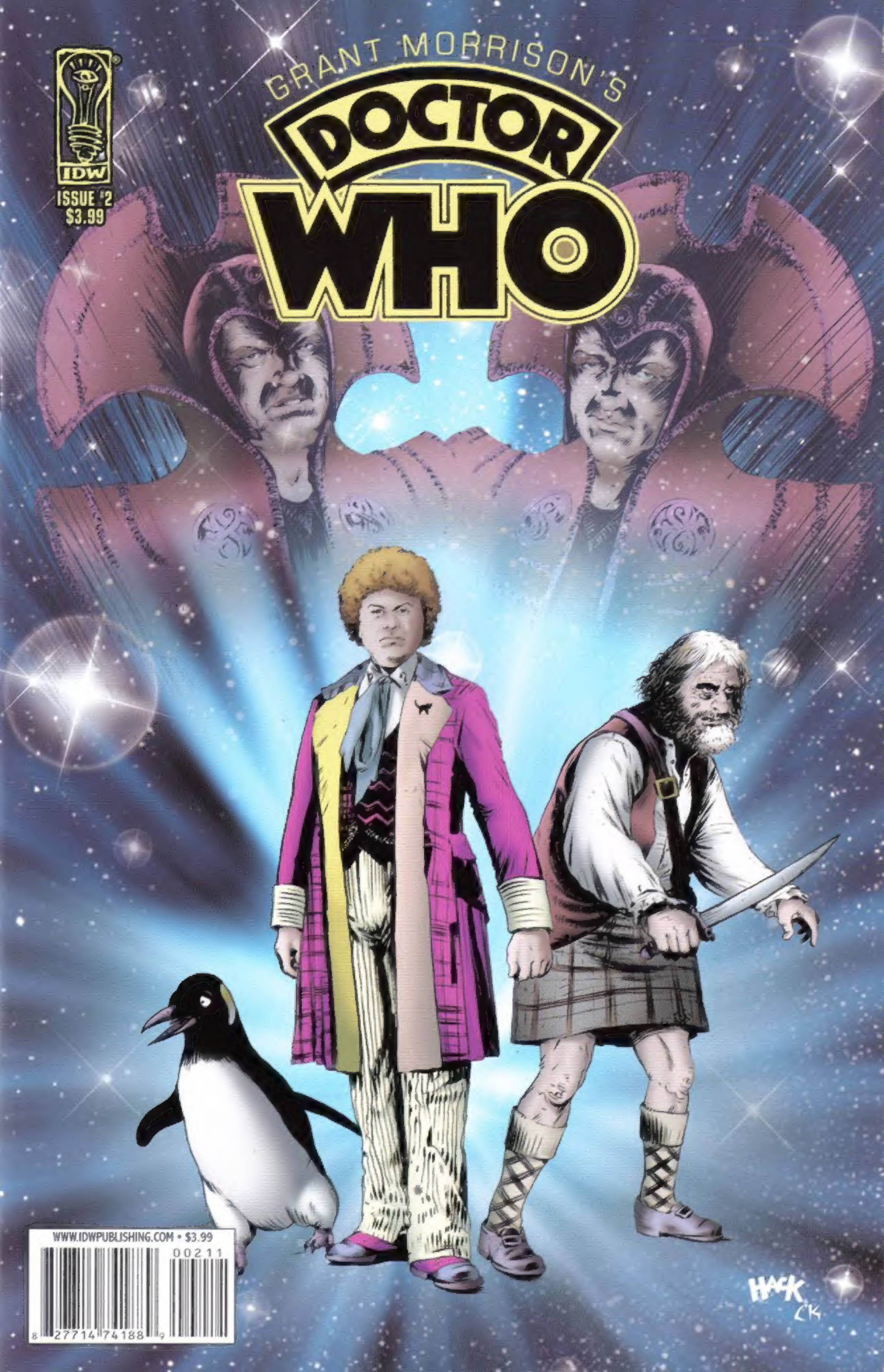
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EPISODE ONE.

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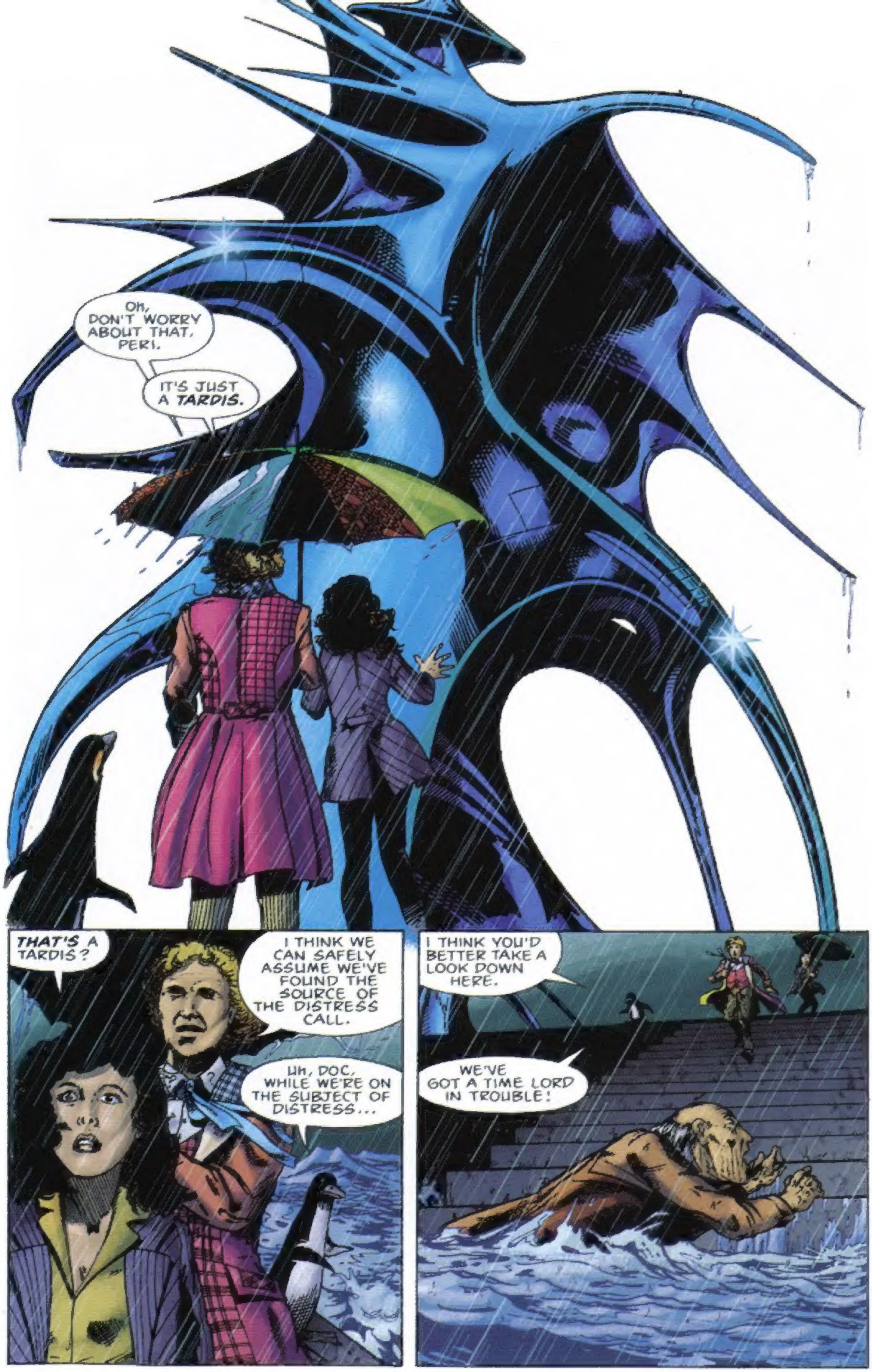
IT'S MARINUS.
MARINUS, THE WATER-WORLD.

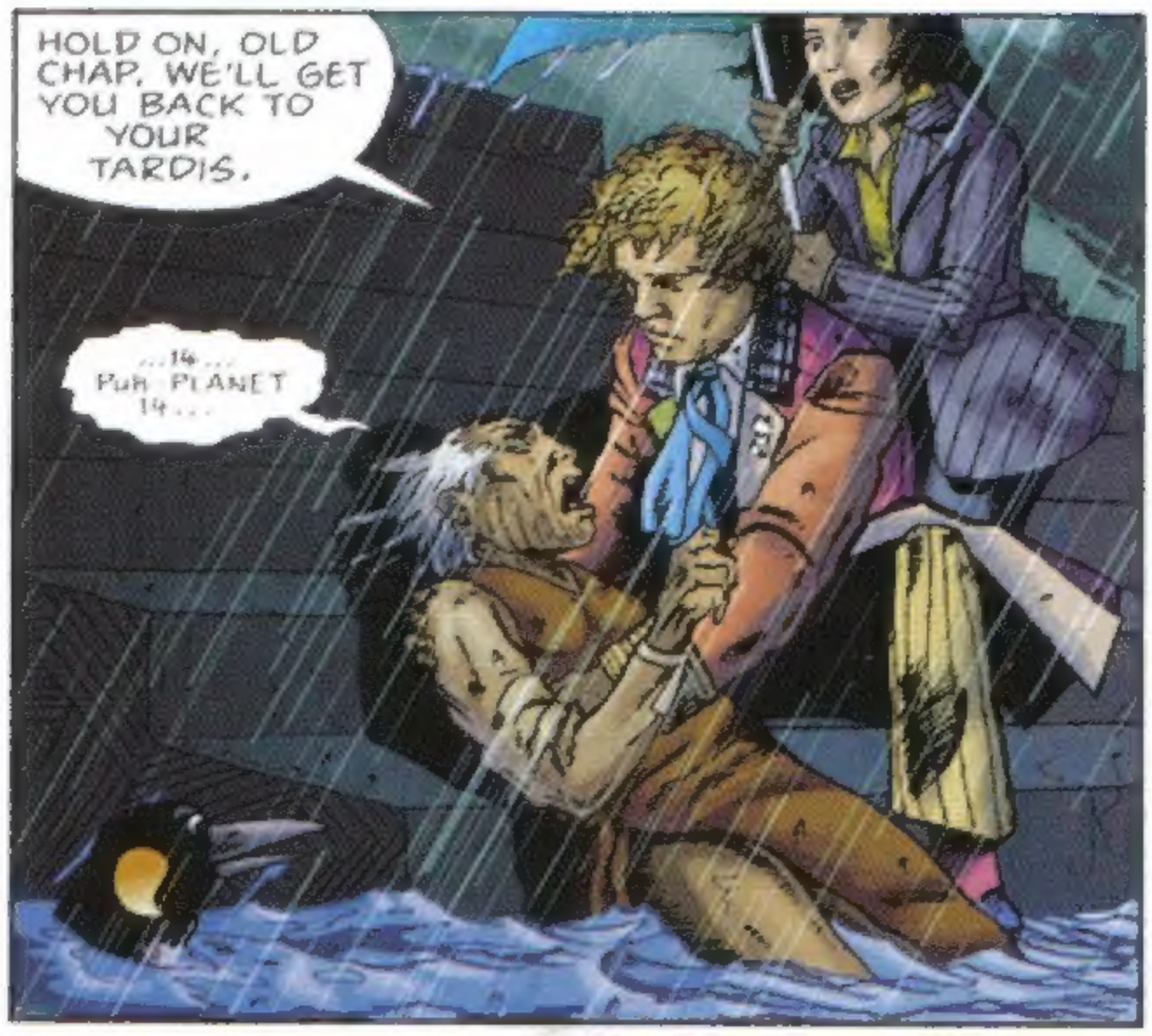
YOU'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE, DOC?
MM...
SOMETHING TO DO WITH KEYS — AND A CONSCIENCE MACHINE.

"EVERYTHING'S SO VAGUE PRIOR TO MY SECOND REGENERATION, BUT I DO REMEMBER BEING HERE AND COMING UP AGAINST A RACE OF AMPHIBIOUS ASSASSINS KNOWN AS THE VOORD."
"I'M SURE THE PLANET WAS A LOT BUSIER THEN..."

...THE VOORD, THE MORPHO CREATURES, THE FISHMEN OF KANDALINGA...
SOUNDS LIKE THE LINE-UP FOR A PUNK CONCERT...

IT CERTAINLY SEEMS DESERTED NOW. I WONDER WHAT...
DOCTOR..?
DOCTOR, LOOK!


OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT, PERI.
IT'S JUST A TARDIS.
THAT'S A TARDIS?
I THINK WE CAN SAFELY ASSUME WE'VE FOUND THE SOURCE OF THE DISTRESS CALL.
UH, DOC, WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT OF DISTRESS...
I THINK YOU'D BETTER TAKE A LOOK DOWN HERE.
WE'VE GOT A TIME LORD IN TROUBLE!


HOLD ON, OLD CHAP. WE'LL GET YOU BACK TO YOUR TARDIS.
...14... PUR PLANET 14...

WHAT'S THAT?
...PLANET 14... HM...

HE'S GONE.

WHAT'S HAPPENING? IS HE *REGENERATING*?
NOT THIS TIME. HE'S EXHAUSTED ALL HIS BODIES.
HIS FLESH WILL BREAK DOWN INTO DEGENERATE MATTER, THEN INTO RANDOM MOLECULES...

YEUK!
STRANGE...

IT DOESN'T USUALLY HAPPEN *THAT* FAST.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NOW?
WELL, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I WANT A WORD WITH HIS TARDIS.
THERE'S MORE TO THIS THAN MEETS THE EYE.
THIS LOOKS SUSPICIOUSLY LIKE BREAKING AND ENTERING.
I WON'T TELL ANYONE IF YOU WON'T. BESIDES, THIS IS HOW I GOT MY OWN TARDIS.
AH! THERE. COME ON. MIND THE PSYCHOSCULPTURE.
DOCTOR, THIS IS AMAZING! OH, IT'S BEAUTIFUL!
RUBBISH! IT'S GAUDY AND OSTENTATIOUS. TYPICAL NEW MODEL.
DO I NEED TO SEE A PSYCHIATRIST, OR CAN I REALLY HEAR WHISPERING?
THAT'S CONVERSATION, FROBISHER. IT ALWAYS HAPPENS WHEN TWO TARDISES GET TOGETHER. THEY'RE TERRIBLE GOSSIPS ONCE THEY GET STARTED.
YOU JUST HAVE TO BE FIRM.
SHUT UP AND PAY ATTENTION!
THAT'S BETTER.
NOW, WHAT EXACTLY WAS YOUR MISSION HERE?

WE WERE SENT BY THE GALLIFREYAN HIGH COUNCIL, FOLLOWING EVIDENCE OF VIOLENT TEMPORAL DISTURBANCES IN THIS SPACETIME LOCUS.

I SEE. AND WHAT WAS THE NATURE OF THESE 'DISTURBANCES'?

SPORADIC PULSES OF ACCELERATED TEMPORAL PROGRESSION.

FROBISHER! WHERE DID ALL THOSE **FEATHERS** COME FROM?

WHAT? Oh, I DON'T USUALLY **MOULT** SO BADLY.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE LAUGHING ABOUT. HAVE YOU SEEN YOUR HAIR?

WHAT?

It's long! And my... fingernails...

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?

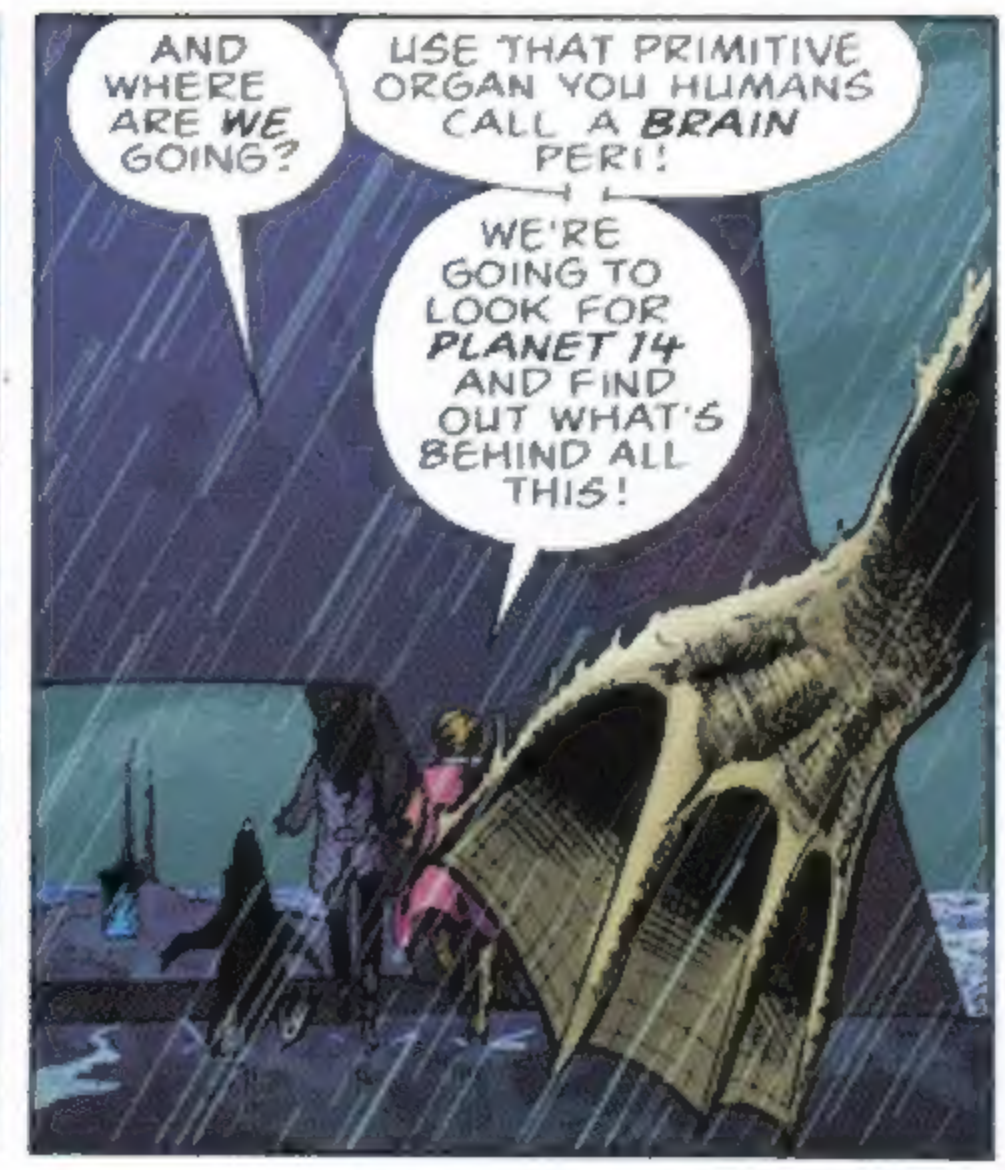
DOCTOR, LOOK AT US! WHAT'S GOING ON?

ACCELERATED TEMPORAL PROGRESSION.

SOMEHOW TIME'S BEEN SPEEDED UP ON MARINUS. IT'S DANGEROUS TO STAY OUT IN THE OPEN FOR TOO LONG. COME ON! BACK TO THE TARDIS! **CHOP-CHOP!**

YOU MEAN I DON'T KNOW WHAT **AGE** I AM NOW?

TZUUUU...
TZUUU...
DOCTOR, THIS IS ALL HAPPENING TOO FAST FOR ME. WHERE'S THAT TARDIS GOING?
IT'LL RETURN TO GALLIFREY TO REPORT THE DEATH OF ITS PILOT.


AND WHERE ARE WE GOING?
USE THAT PRIMITIVE ORGAN YOU HUMANS CALL A BRAIN PERI!
WE'RE GOING TO LOOK FOR PLANET 14 AND FIND OUT WHAT'S BEHIND ALL THIS!

YOU SEE, I'M SURE I'VE BEEN THERE BEFORE, TOO. OR I WILL BE THERE AT SOME POINT IN SPACETIME, IF YOU FOLLOW ME.
IF ONLY I COULD REMEMBER THE DETAILS. I THINK I WAS IN MY SECOND BODY.

WHICH MEANS I WAS TRAVELLING WITH... YES, THAT'S IT! HE MIGHT REMEMBER!
LET'S GO AND ASK JAMIE!
JAMIE..?

WHO'S JAMIE?!
VWORP!
VWORP!

"WHY DIDN'T I SEE THROUGH IT? WHY DID I TRUST THAT JOB ADVERTISEMENT?"

'BUILDING A BETTER WORLD' THEY SAID.

'TRAVEL, EXCITEMENT, ACHIEVEMENT,' THEY SAID.

WELL, AT LEAST IT'S TRUE ABOUT THE TRAVEL, MAXILLA...

SIX GYRES IN INFRASPACE, PUNCTUATED BY LANDFALLS ON A FEW SCABBY MUDBALLS..?

IT'S NOT REALLY WHAT YOU'D CALL SIGHTSEEING, IS IT?

AS LONG AS I GET PAID, I DON'T CARE WHAT I DO.

THAT'S YOUR TROUBLE, DEEDRUN - NO AMBITION! I DON'T WANT TO SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE REPAIRING WORLDSHAPER MACHINES!

LOOK ON THE LIGHT SIDE, MAXILLA - ONLY TWO MORE PLANETS TO GO AND THEN WE HEAD FOR HOME.

REALLY? ONLY TWO MORE? SO WHAT WAS THAT LAST ONE, THEN?

THAT WAS PLANET 13.

THE LAST ONE WAS PLANET 13.

TO BE CONTINUED!

INVESTIGATING THE MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF A TIME LORD ON THE PLANET **MARINUS**, THE DOCTOR AND HIS COMPANIONS HAVE TRAVELLED TO EIGHTEENTH CENTURY **SCOTLAND**.

I'VE NEVER BEEN SO INSULTED!

WE'VE ONLY **BEEN** HERE HALF AN HOUR AND ALREADY I'VE BEEN PRODDED BY ENOUGH SEMI-EVOLVED **APES** TO FILL A **ZOO!**

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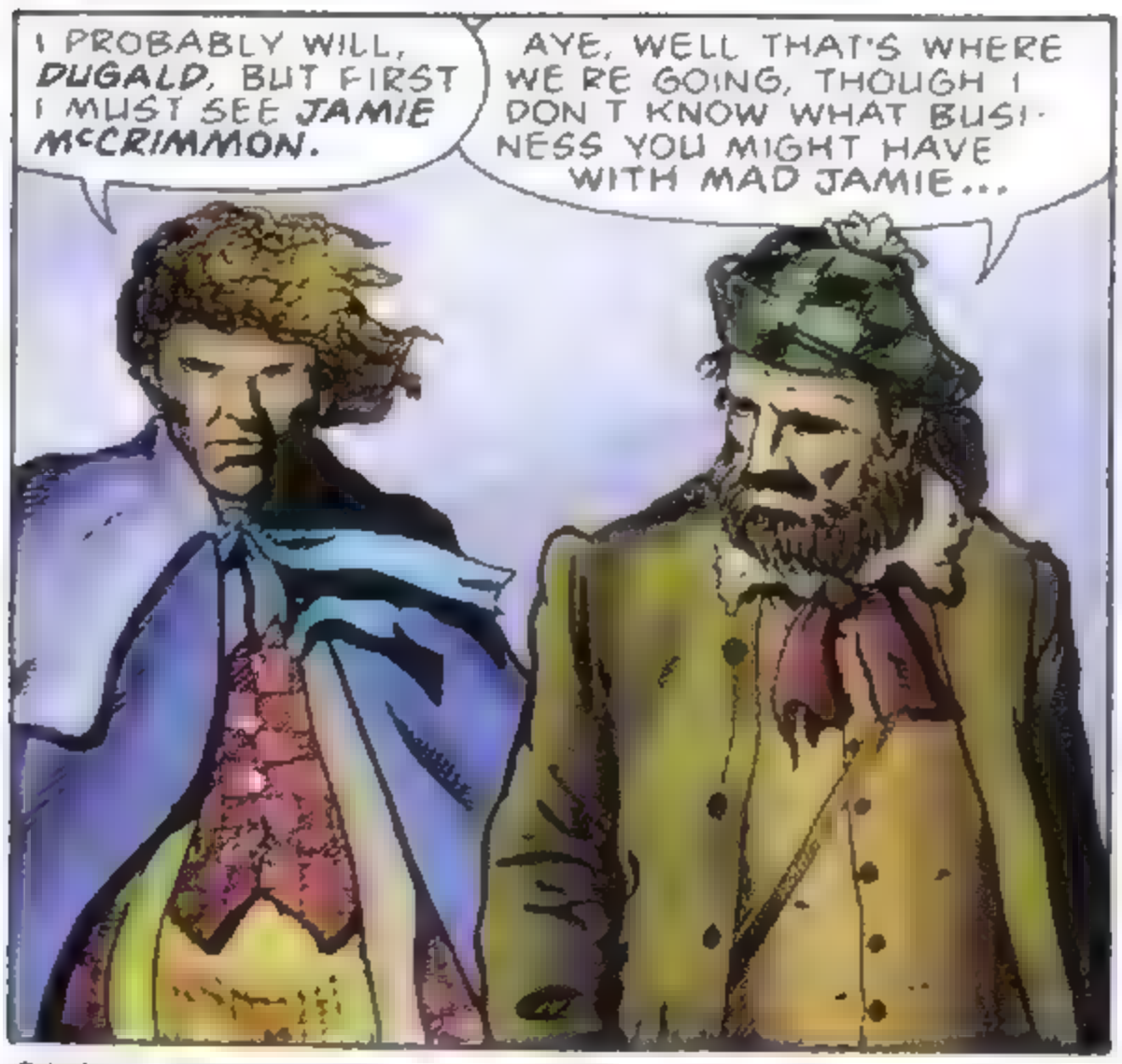

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THIS IS HIS CROFT HERE.

NAD JAMIE?

OPEN UP THERE, JAMIE McCRIMMON! COME ON, MAN! YOU HAVE VISITORS HERE TO SEE YOU!

GO AWAY!

LEAVE ME IN PEACE!

LET ME TRY, DUGALD

JAMIE? JAMIE, IT'S ME... THE DOCTOR!

CAN I COME IN?

DOCTOR?

IS IT REALLY YOU?

JAMIE ?
Oh, DOCTOR! DOCTOR, I KNEW YOU'D COME BACK ONE DAY!

AND PERI TOO... AND... AND...
AND THIS WEE THING.
NAME'S FROBISHER, PAL.

DOCTOR ?
I MUST HAVE MISCALCULATED OUR ARRIVAL BY ABOUT FORTY YEARS
POOR JAMIE.
COME IN, COME IN!

IF ONLY I'D KNOWN YOU WERE COMING.
JUST LET ME TIDY UP HERE... I... I...

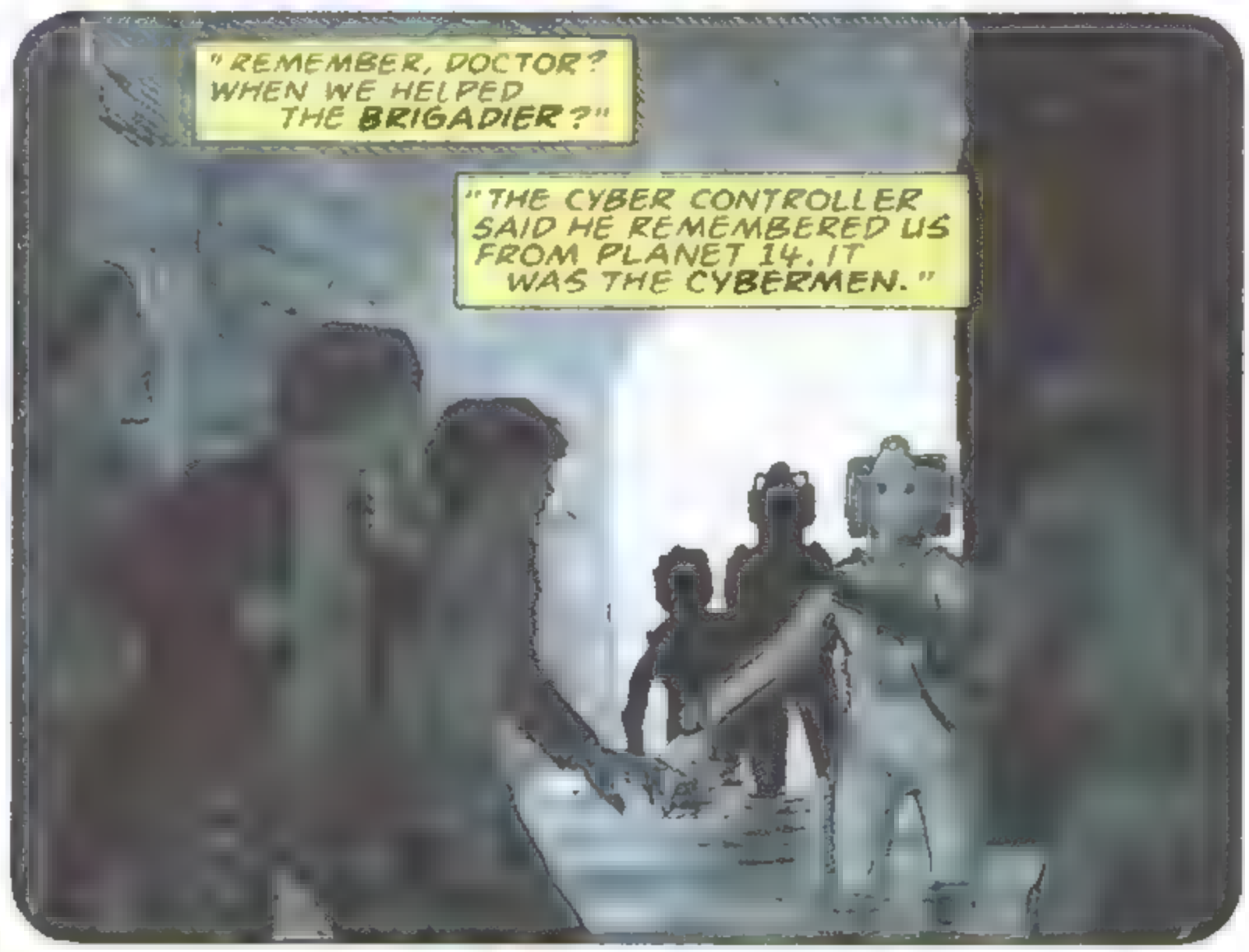
Oh, DOCTOR, EVERY-THING'S SUCH A Muh-MESS... AND I'M SO OLD...
YOU Shuh SHOULDN'T HAVE SEEN ME... LIKE THIS...

I DON'T CARE HOW OLD YOU ARE, JAMIE.
YOU'RE STILL MY FRIEND AND I'M COUNTING ON YOUR HELP.

YOU'VE MET THIS GUY BEFORE?
YEAH IN SPAIN, A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO. HE WAS AN AWFUL LOT YOUNGER THEN

TELL ME HOW I CAN HELP YOU, DOCTOR.
WELL, WE'VE JUST SEEN A TIME LORD DIE ON MARINUS. HIS LAST WORDS WERE 'PLANET 14'. DOES THAT MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU?

I KNOW I WAS TRAVELLING WITH YOU THE LAST TIME I HEARD THAT NAME ..
PLANET 14? DIDN'T THE CYBER CONTROLLER MENTION PLANET 14?


"REMEMBER, DOCTOR? WHEN WE HELPED THE BRIGADIER?"
"THE CYBER CONTROLLER SAID HE REMEMBERED US FROM PLANET 14. IT WAS THE CYBERMEN."

CYBERMEN? THIS IS WORSE THAN I IMAGINED.
TIME TO GET BACK TO THE TARDIS, I THINK.
DOCTOR.?

LET ME COME WITH YOU. THERE'S NOTHING FOR ME HERE.
PLEASE, DOCTOR THIS ONE LAST TIME.

COME ON THEN. YOU CAN HELP WITH THE MAGIC SHOW

.. LADIES AND GENTLE MEN, YOU ARE ABOUT TO WITNESS A MARVEL OF THE AGE.
A BAFFLING FEAT OF SORCERY, TAUGHT TO ME BY MONKS IN TIBET.

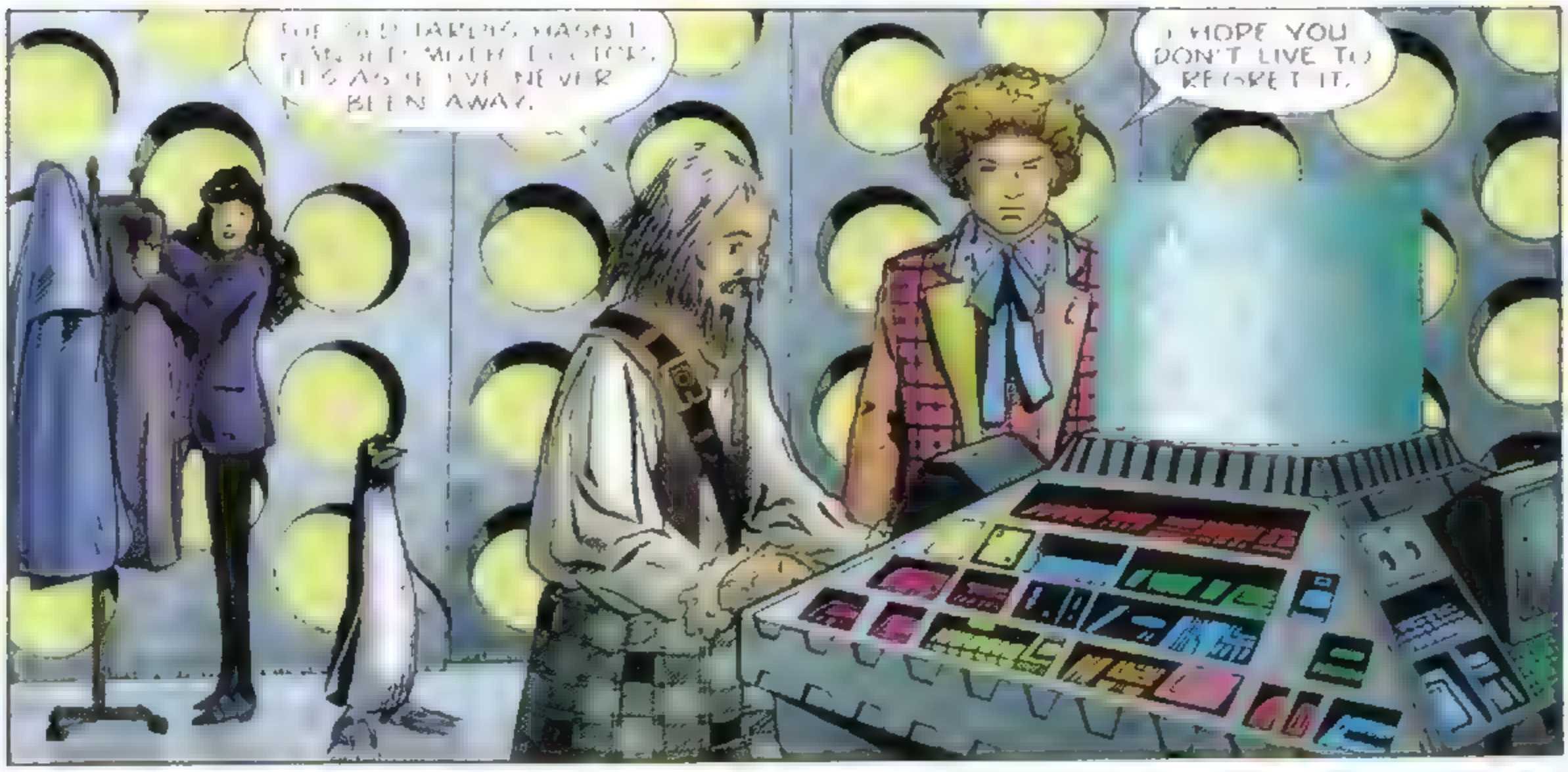
WATCH CLOSELY NOW AS MY ASSISTANTS ENTER THE MAGIC CABINET!
HA HA! LOOK AT OLD JAMIE. HE THINKS HE'S OFF TO THE MOON AGAIN!
MIND YOU DON'T TRIP OVER YOUR CLAYMORE, JAMIE!

AND NOW, BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES, THE CABINET WILL VANISH FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH.
'BYE!

WOULD YOU LISTEN TO THAT?
IT'S A MIRACLE!
VWORP
VWORP

OCH, IT'S ALL CONJURING. I'VE SEEN IT DONE BEFORE, IN EDINBURGH. THE DOCTOR'LL BE BACK IN NO TIME AT ALL JUST YOU WAIT.

DOCTOR?


I HOPE YOU DON'T LIVE TO REGRET IT.

JAMIE, I THOUGHT THE TIME LORDS ERASED YOUR MEMORY WHEN YOU LEFT THE DOCTOR
THAT'S WHAT THEY THOUGHT TOO PERI. FORTUNATELY THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE HUMAN MIND IS FAIRLY LIMITED
AYE...
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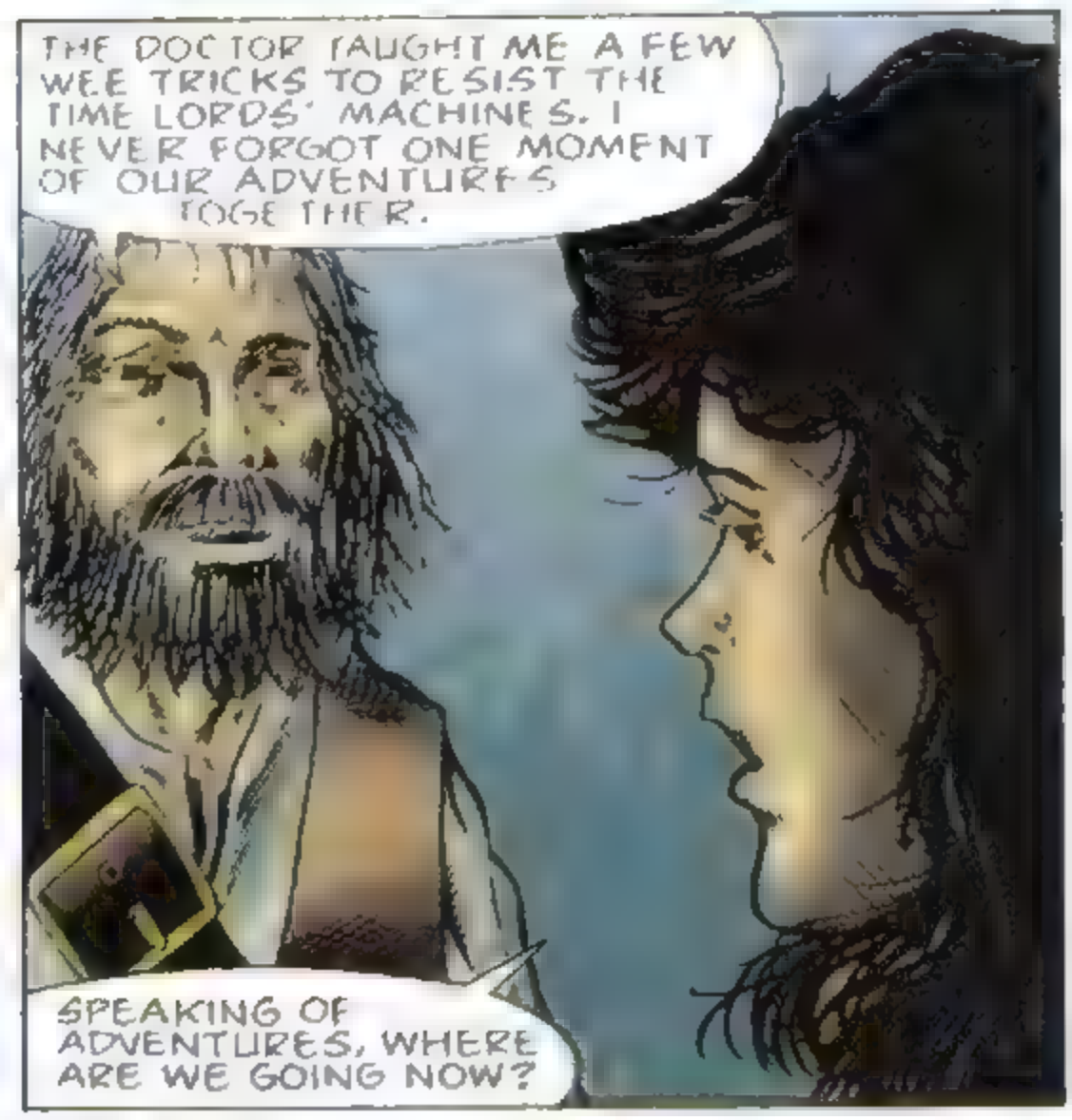
THE DOCTOR TAUGHT ME A FEW WEE TRICKS TO RESIST THE TIME LORDS' MACHINES. I NEVER FORGOT ONE MOMENT OF OUR ADVENTURES TOGETHER.
SPEAKING OF ADVENTURES, WHERE ARE WE GOING NOW?

WE'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE
WE'VE ARRIVED.
I HAVE A FEW THEORIES ABOUT HOW THE CYBER CONTROLLER COULD REMEMBER US FROM PLANET 14 WHEN WE'VE NEVER EVEN BEEN THERE.

WELCOME BACK TO MARINUS.
.. Oh

SOMEBODY MUST'VE PULLED THE PLUG OUT, DOC.

A WHOLE PLANET AN'I DIDN'T LOSE ITS OCEANS OVERNIGHT. WE MUST HAVE OVERSHOT BY THOUSANDS OF YEARS.
NO. THE TARDIS CHRONO METER IS QUITE ACCURATE.

ONLY A WEEK HAS PASSED SINCE WE WERE HERE BEFORE I THINK I UNDERSTAND.
DOCTOR, LOOK!

HELP ME... PLEASE. THEY'RE COMING..
IT'S ALL GUH - GONE... WRONG.

WHAT HAVE WE... DONE..? IT'S ALL GONE UNNH!
WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HIM?
UH, THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION, DOC...

MAYBE YOU SHOULD ASK THEM!
TO BE CONTINUED!

INVESTIGATING THE MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF A TIMELORD ON THE PLANET MARINUS, THE DOCTOR HAS ENLISTED THE HELP OF AN AGEING JAMIE McCRIMMON...
QUICKLY!
EVERY-BODY IN!
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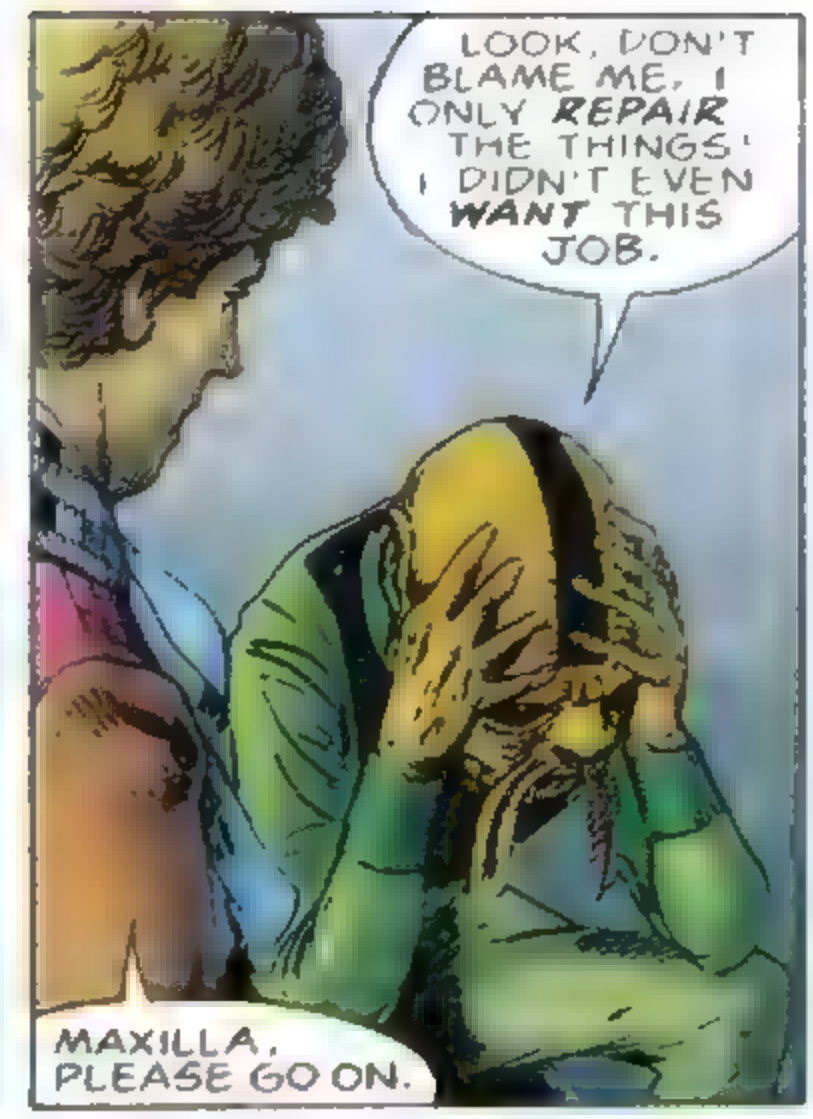
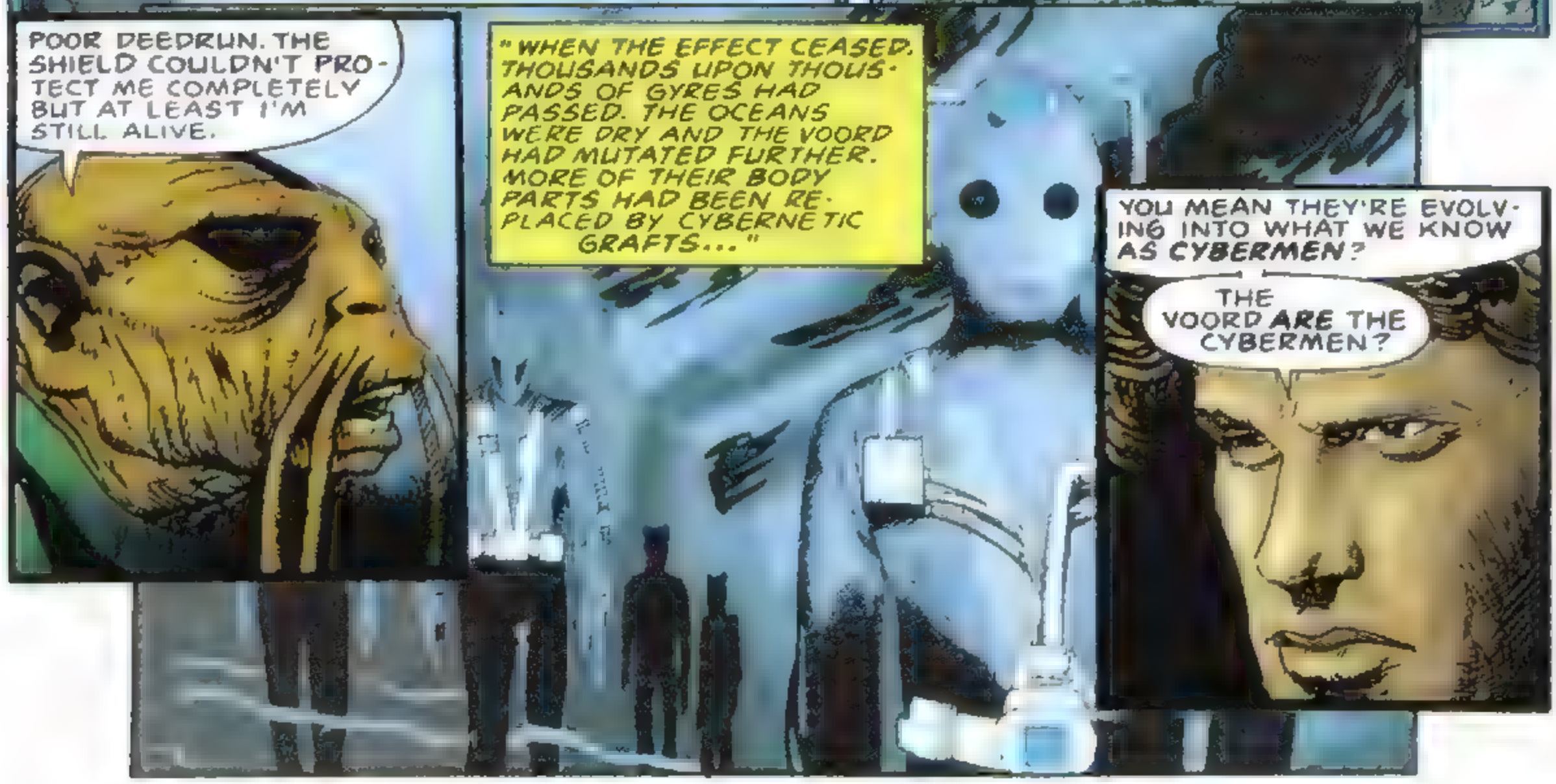
EPISODE THREE.
DOCTOR, WHAT ARE THOSE THINGS? THEY LOOK KIND OF LIKE CYBERMEN.
NO. THEY'RE VOORD, BUT SOMETHING HAS CHANGED THEM.
THERE
WE'RE SAFE IN THE TIME-STREAM. NOW PERHAPS WE CAN GET SOME ANSWERS FROM OUR FRIEND HERE.
MAXILLA...
...MY NAME'S MAXILLA.
I'M A MAINTENANCE OPERATIVE.
YOU CAN CALL ME THE DOCTOR. THESE ARE MY COMPANIONS - PERI, FROBISHER AND JAMIE.
WHAT EXACTLY IS IT THAT YOU MAINTAIN?

WORLDSHAPER MACHINES. THEY'RE USED TO ARTIFICIALLY ACCELERATE TIME AND CAUSE RAPID ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES... ON UNINHABITED WORLDS, OF COURSE. THIS WAS PLANET 14 ON OUR LIST.
SO I WAS RIGHT.
LISTEN, WORLDSHAPERS WERE BANNED AGES AGO. AFTER THEY USED ONE ON YXIA AND THE WHOLE PLANETARY SYSTEM FELL APART!


LOOK, DON'T BLAME ME. I ONLY REPAIR THE THINGS! I DIDN'T EVEN WANT THIS JOB.
MAXILLA, PLEASE GO ON.

"WELL, WHEN DEEDRUN, THAT'S MY PARTNER, AND I ARRIVED, WE FOUND THAT A BIG MISTAKE HAD BEEN MADE..."
"PLANET 14 WASN'T UNINHABITED. A RACE CALLED THE VOORD HAD CAPTURED THE WORLDSHAPER AND USED IT TO RAPID-EVOLVE THEMSELVES..."

"THEIR TAMPERING RESULTED IN AN OVERLOAD AND..."
"WELL, I MANAGED TO ERECT A TIME-SHIELD, BUT DEEDRUN..."


POOR DEEDRUN. THE SHIELD COULDN'T PROTECT ME COMPLETELY BUT AT LEAST I'M STILL ALIVE.
"WHEN THE EFFECT CEASED, THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF GYRES HAD PASSED. THE OCEANS WERE DRY AND THE VOORD HAD MUTATED FURTHER. MORE OF THEIR BODY PARTS HAD BEEN REPLACED BY CYBERNETIC GRAFTS..."
YOU MEAN THEY'RE EVOLVING INTO WHAT WE KNOW AS CYBERMEN?
THE VOORD ARE THE CYBERMEN?

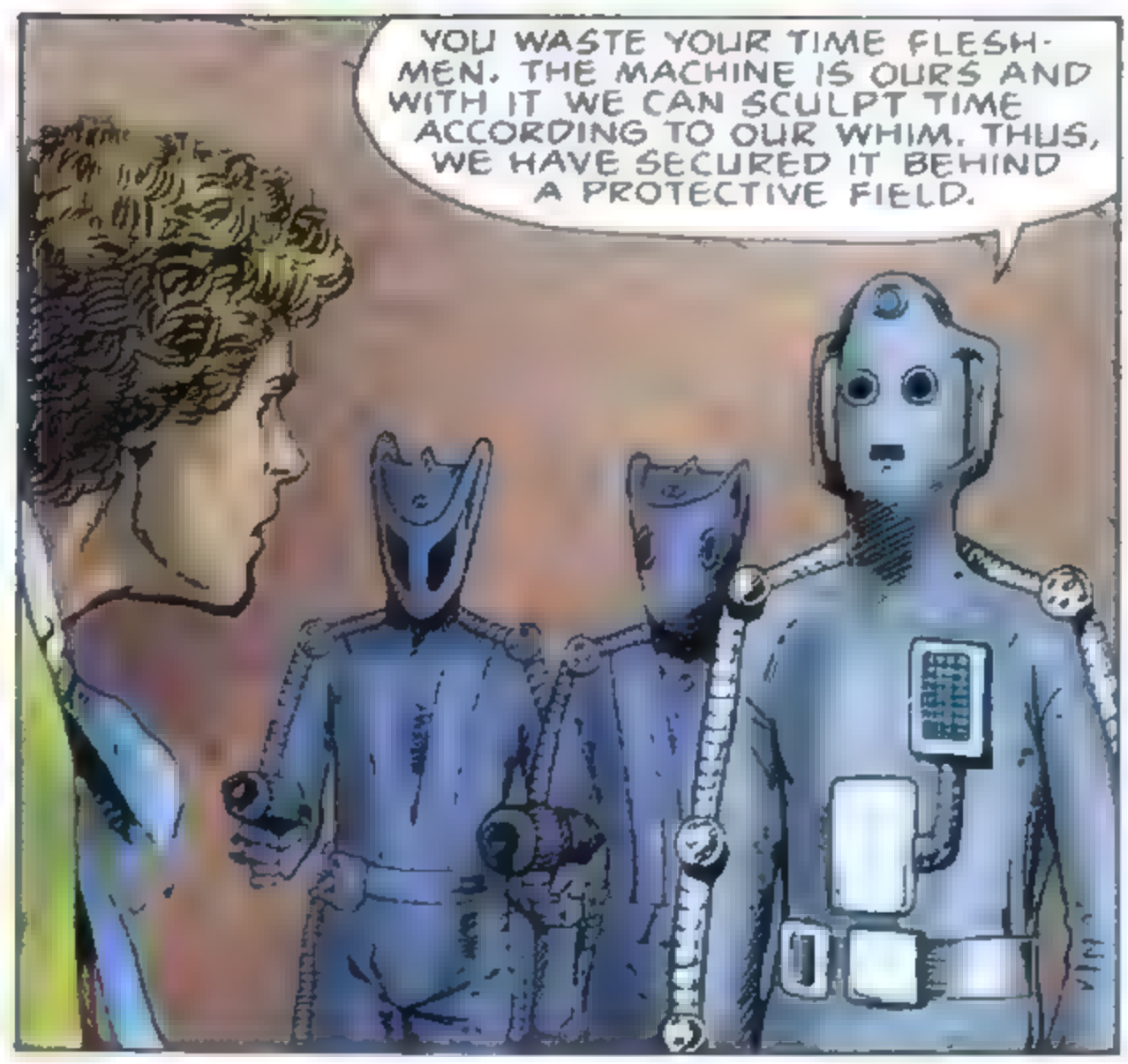
WHATEVER THEY ARE, THEY HAVE THE WORLDSHAPER! USED AS A WEAPON, IT COULD DEVASTATE THE GALAXY!
OH, WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?
YOU'RE GOING TO HELP ME DESTROY THE WORLDSHAPER.

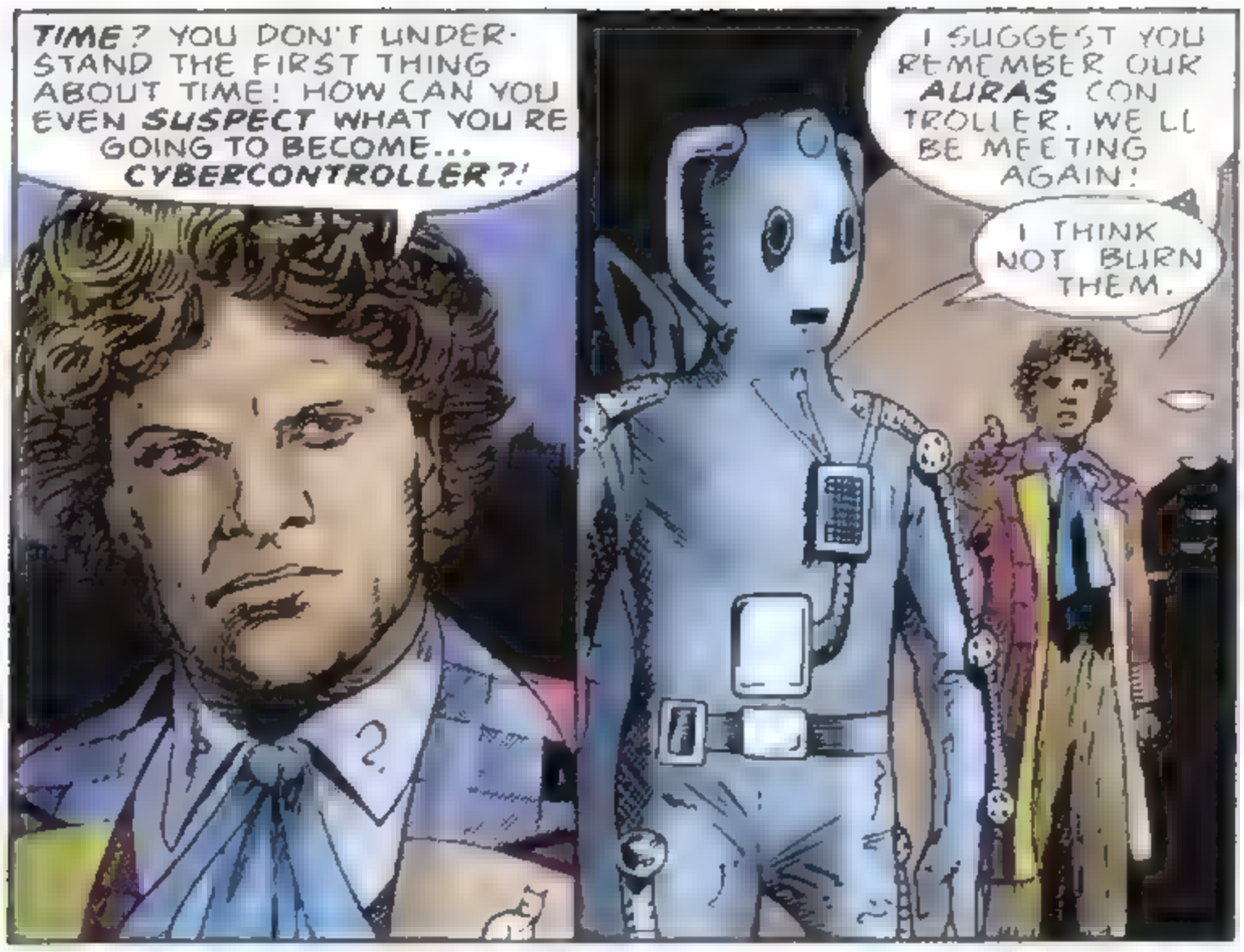
THE TARDIS HAS HOMED IN ON THE MACHINE'S RESIDUAL ENERGY.
MAXILLA, JAMIE...
VWORP VWORP

"WE'RE GOING IN."
WHY DID YOU LET ME COME AND NOT THE OTHERS, DOCTOR?
YOU HAD TO BE HERE, JAMIE...
THIS IS WHERE THE CYBER-CONTROLLER MEETS US ON PLANET 14. DON'T YOU SEE HOW IT ALL FITS?

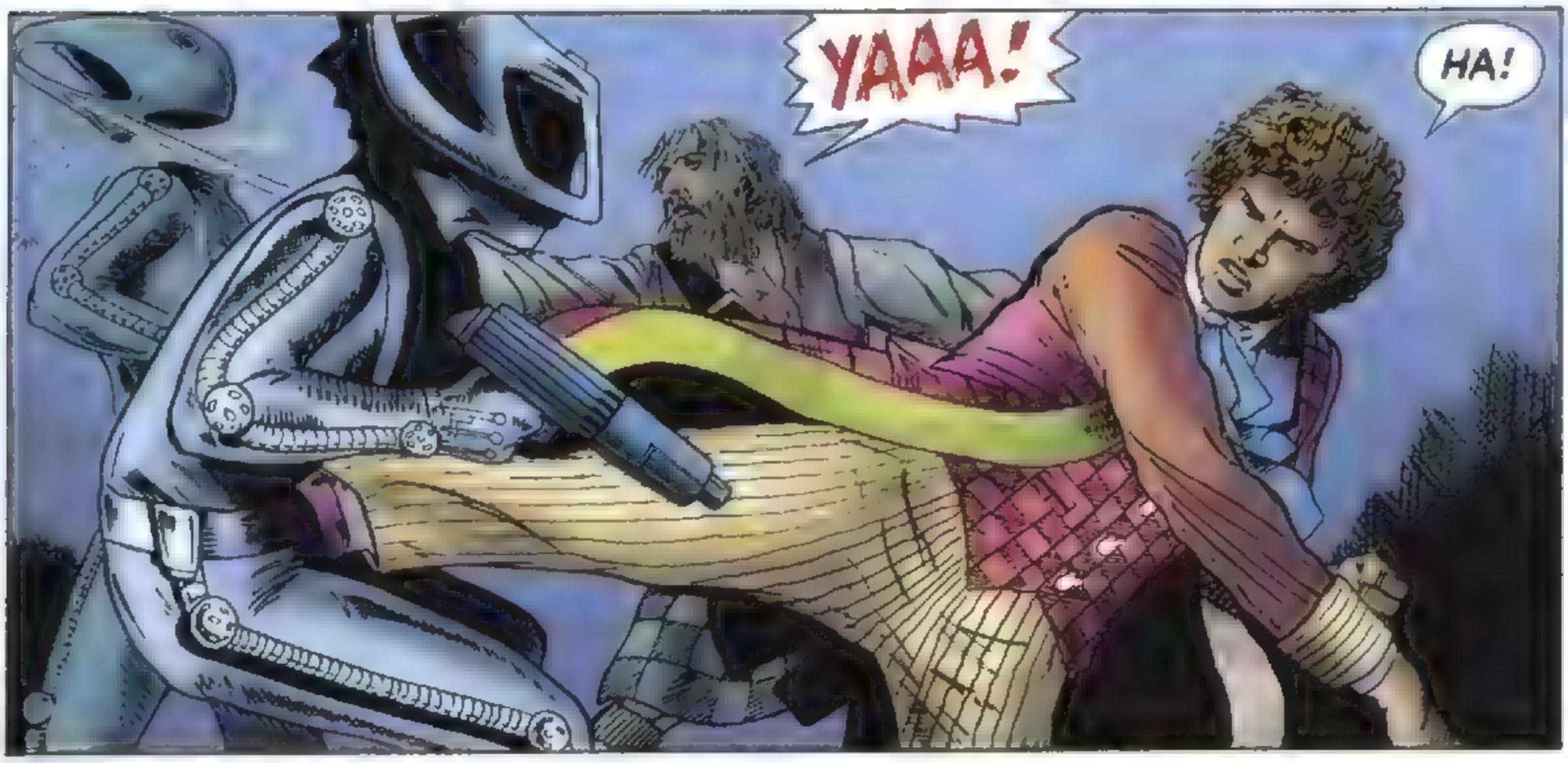
NOT REALLY, NO.
LOOK! THE WORLDSHAPER! I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE IN WITH OUT A...

AAA AAA
MAXILLA!


YOU WASTE YOUR TIME FLESH-MEN. THE MACHINE IS OURS AND WITH IT WE CAN SCULPT TIME ACCORDING TO OUR WHIM. THUS, WE HAVE SECURED IT BEHIND A PROTECTIVE FIELD.


TIME? YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THE FIRST THING ABOUT TIME! HOW CAN YOU EVEN SUSPECT WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO BECOME... CYBERCONTROLLER?!
I SUGGEST YOU REMEMBER OUR AURAS CONTROLLER. WE'LL BE MEETING AGAIN!
I THINK NOT. BURN THEM.

JUST LIKE THE GOOD OLD DAYS.
AYE DOCTOR.


YAAA!
HA!

NOW GET OUT OF HERE, DOCTOR! THE OTHERS WILL NEED YOU.
JAMIE, WHAT..?
NO! THE FORCEFIELD!

I NEVER WANTED TO DIE IN MY BED, DOCTOR.
GOODBYE.

NO!

"TIME'S RACING... UH, MASSIVE GEOLOGICAL ACTIVITY... MOUNTAINS FORMING.. CONTINENTAL PLATES BEGINNING TO MOVE..."

"IT'S GOING TO ENGULF THE WHOLE PLANET!"

DOCTOR! RUN! IT'S RIGHT BEHIND YOU!
MOVE IT, DOC!

Uhh! QUICKLY, SHUT THE DOOR!

MAXILLA? JAMIE..?
DEAD.
JAMIE'S DEAD.
THE TIME FIELD'S ABOUT TO...

HIT US!

LOOKS LIKE IT'S ALL OVER, DOC.
IS IT SAFE TO GO OUT?

IT'S NOT A PARTICULARLY HOSPITABLE ENVIRONMENT, PERI, BUT I SHOULD THINK IT'S SAFE ENOUGH FOR US...

...IF IT'S SAFE ENOUGH FOR THE *TIME LORDS*.

YOU'RE *LATE*. THE PARTY'S OVER. BUT DOESN'T TIME FLY WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FUN?

COME NOW, DOCTOR. SARCASM ILL BECOMES YOU.

I RECOGNISE THIS PLACE NOW. MARINUS, PLANET 14, HAS BECOME *MONDAS*, HOME OF THE CYBERMEN.

WHY DON'T YOU JUST LEAVE NOW, DOCTOR? I'LL PRETEND WE NEVER MET HERE.

BUT THE WORLDSHAPER'S LAST ENERGY PULSE WILL HAVE COMPLETED THE EVOLUTION OF THE VOORD INTO CYBERMEN! WE HAVE A CHANCE NOW TO STOP THEIR EVIL AT THE ROOT!

IT'S ALL BEING DEALT WITH.

NOW PLEASE *LEAVE*, DOCTOR, BEFORE WE IMPOUND YOUR ANTIQUE TARDIS...

YOU HAVEN'T HEARD THE LAST OF THIS!

DOC, MAYBE WE'D BETTER...

HE DOES GET SO *PASSIONATE*.

WELL, HE'S STILL *YOUNG*.

SLAM

VWORP
HE HASN'T YET FULLY GRASPED THE COMPLEX BEAUTY IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF SPACETIME.
VWORP
WITHIN FIVE MILLION YEARS, THE CYBERMEN WILL HAVE EVOLVED AGAIN. BEYOND THE NEED FOR BODIES. THEY WILL BECOME PURE THOUGHT...
THE MOST PEACE-LOVING AND ADVANCED RACE IN THE UNIVERSE...
THEY WILL LEAD US INTO A NEW ERA OF UNDERSTANDING.
AS WE SAW WHEN WE VISITED THE FUTURE YESTERDAY.
I THINK A FEW MILLION YEARS OF EVIL AND BLOODSHED ARE WELL WORTH THE ULTIMATE SALVATION OF SENTIENT LIFE, DON'T YOU?
OH, YES.
WELL WORTH IT.
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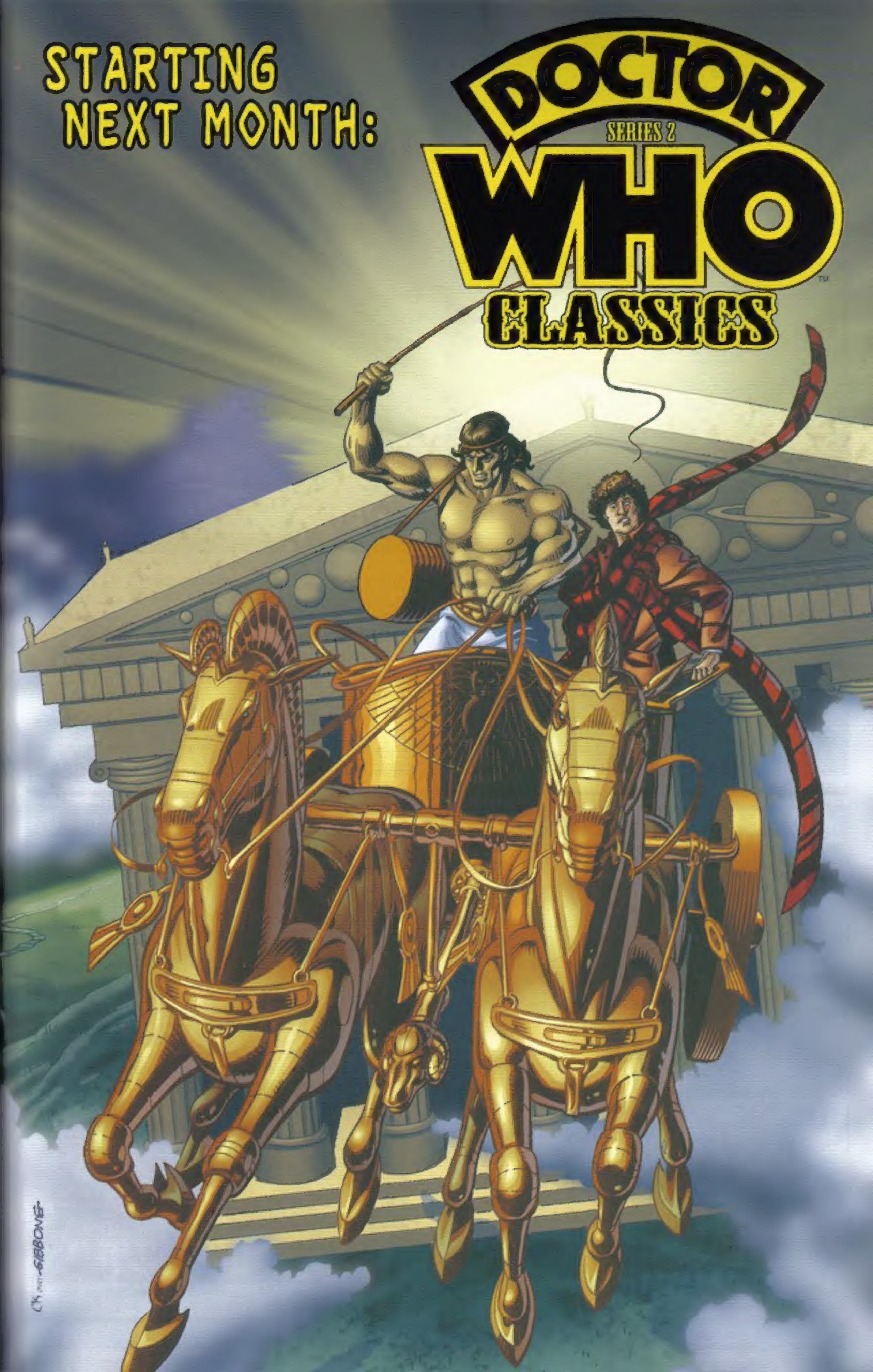
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